

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment, filed on February 08, 2008 has been considered and entered in full.
2. Applicant's amendments to respective claims have been considered and are persuasive; therefore all the rejections and objections on the respective claims have been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant's attorney/agent of record, Mr. Michael Cofield, Registration no. 54,630, on 04/02/2008, at 4:30 p.m., Examiner's amendment:

In The Claims

(i). The following changes to the claims have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

(a) In claim 3, **change the claim 3 dependency from claim 2 to claim 1.**

(b) **Cancel claims 5, 9-11.**

(c) **Replace the subject matter of claim 20 with:**

“The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein obtaining means comprises a charge-coupled device”.

(d) **Replace the subject matter of claim 22 with:**

“The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein obtaining means comprises a charge-coupled device”.

(e) **Add new claims 39-41, with subject matter reciting:**

39. (New) The method according to claim 38, wherein the image extraction device comprises a charge- coupled device.

40. (New) The method according to claim 38, further comprising:
scanning the second correction document to obtain a second correction optical signal; using the image extracting device to obtain a second correction analog signal; and converting the second correction analog signal into a second correction digital signal.

41. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the image extraction device comprises a charge- coupled device.

Allowable Subject Matter

Reasons of Allowance:

4. Claims 1, 3 and 12-41 (renumbered as 1-32) are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons of allowance:

The reasons of allowance for claims 1, 12, 23, 28 and 33 should be evident from the previous office action mailed on 11/09/2007. All other claims depending on claims 1, 12, 23, 28 and 33 are allowable at least by dependency on claims 1, 12, 23, 28 and 33.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manav Seth whose telephone number is (571) 272-7456. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta, can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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